

Describing a Character's Home

Questions for the reading from The Dark Lord Clementine:

1. What do we learn about Clementine's life in this scene?

2. How does the description of the library in Clementine's home let us know what her life is like?

Or what her relationship with her father is like?

3. Did you learn anything about Clementine herself?

4. How did the reading make you feel about Clementine?

ACTIVITY: DESCRIBE YOUR HOME

Make a few notes about your home as if you were going to write a story about yourself. Think about what kind of story your home tells. Here are a few questions to get you going.

1. What does your favorite room in your home look like?

2. If your favorite room is your bedroom, do you share it with anyone? Are there any posters on the walls?

3. What kinds of books do you have in your home?

4. What smaller details do you know about that no one else does, or that might be easily overlooked?

What kind of story do they tell about the room, your home or your family?

5. What does your home smell like?

6. If you sit still and close your eyes, what sounds can you hear?

BONUS ACTIVITY: START YOUR OWN STORY

Write the first few paragraphs of a totally new story with a new character. Introduce your new character while *they're* at home. Wherever they are, make sure the details about their home tell us something about them.

Here are a few character ideas you could pick from to get started. (But you are more than welcome to come up with your own!)

- A wizard at magic school
- An astronaut on a space station
- A fairy in a giant tree
- A bird in his or her nest
- A pirate on a ship
- An ogre in a cave

Happy writing!